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Asterisked items are either reported for the first time, or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

\*23 May, Atlanta, Georgia

Ralph Abernathy's march through Georgia principally protesting the recent deaths at Augusta and Jackson is scheduled to end at the capital with speeches and demonstrations on Saturday. So far, enthusiasm for Abernathy's effort to rekindle the nonviolent spark of the mid-60's has been spotty. Last Thursday the walkers had dwindled to 200 and the chief spokesman for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was resorting to publicity stunts to build a wider acceptance and participation that would have shocked the sensitivities of Martin King. First Abernathy called for President Nixon to provide federal assistance to protect the safety of the marchers (as President Johnson had done in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march when major violence was threatened). Secondly, Abernathy has called for Panther and Black Muslim support and has scheduled prominent Black Panther David Hilliard to speak on Saturday. What King was able to promote with personal dynamics and "chutzpah", the duller Abernathy must attempt by trickery. A train of sympathizers is still scheduled to depart Washington Friday to take part in demonstrations on Saturday. Many observers of the racial scene believe Abernathy may be more interested in promoting Abernathy and the SCLC than in memorializing the recent victims of violence.

\*24 May, Atlanta, Georgia

President Hugh Gloster of Morehouse College has called an emergency meeting of presidents and student leaders from the nation's 123 Negro colleges. Gloster stated last week that the college leaders will formulate a presentation for President Nixon and the various governors on the problems and reactions of the black academic community to the recent deaths of two Negroes at Jackson State.

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29-31 May, Toronto, Canada

Reportedly, a World Jurist Conference on Vietnam is to be held Memorial Day weekend, May 29-31, tentatively set for Clendon College, York University, Toronto, Canada. A memorandum announcing same appeared under a letterhead of the Lawyers Committee on American Policy towards Vietnam. Members of the "Consultative Council" listed on the letterhead are individuals such as Richard J. Barnett (Institute for Policy Studies), Hans J. Morgenthau (University of Chicago), and Quincy Wright (University of Chicago). Lawyers delegations from North Vietnam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam will reportedly be present.

29 May-1 June, Montreal, Quebec

A four-day pan-Canada conference of groups supporting American deserters and draft-resisters will be held. Its purpose is to establish political coordination between Americans in exile, Canadian support groups and the U.S. antiwar movement. Because of the similarity in timing and purpose with the World Jurist Conference on Vietnam previously announced for Toronto, Canada, there is a possibility that the Montreal conference is the same conference but at a newly selected site.

\*30 May, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Phoenix, Seattle, San Francisco, New York, Gainesville, Chicago and Philadelphia

The Student Mobe which is controlled by the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party is planning massive demonstrations in the above listed cities for Memorial Day. The national office of the Student Mobe in a wishful but highly inaccurate statement says that the planned demonstrations are the beginning of a developing coalition between students, labor and the black community in the fight against war and its extensions at home. The theme of the demonstrations will be "Stop the Killing, No More Vietnams, Cambodias, Kents, Augustas, or Jacksons. Bring all the troops home from Southeast Asia now."

The Georgia Mobe (which is affiliated with the New Mobe and not the Student Mobe) has also announced a peace rally at Atlanta for the southeastern states.

The Chicago Peace Council (an amalgam of antiwar groups with strong communist representation) has also called for mass demonstrations promoting the immediate withdrawal from Vietnam.

**Graduation Season, Nationwide**

Although campus tempers are cooling for the most part, the National Strike Information Center at Brandeis University still claims that over 200 college and university student bodies are still disrupting the academic order. At Fresno State College in California student fire bombing caused over \$1,000,000 damage to a brand new computer center this week--probably a record in terms of property loss. Student rioters at Northern Illinois University (at DeKalb) took over a busy boulevard (in the style originated at the University of Maryland, and oft imitated at other campuses in recent weeks) and destroyed a state vehicle with fire bombs. A dozen or so schools have been closed for the year and at most others seriously effected by a student strike in the wake of Cambodia (estimated at about 500) the haggling goes on over grades, final exams, amnesty, suspensions, police and national guard tactics, etc. Many schools have cancelled spring social events which usually accompany commencement exercises but most universities will go ahead with graduation as usual during the last week in May and the first week in June.

According to its sponsors the "Peace Commencement Fund" has spread to 150 campuses. The PCF is a movement to have graduates contribute money ordinarily spent for cap and gown rental to congressional peace candidates for their up-coming campaigns. Certainly many graduation exercises will be disrupted in coming weeks and many anti-Vietnam speeches will be heard. Calls will also be made to free all political prisoners (Bobby Seale, Conspiracy 8, Panther 21, etc.), clean up pollution and the rest of the manifest of radical cause celebres. Commencement exercises speakers on the various campuses have been virtually unpublicized and it is probable that ranking administration spokesmen as well as most other national figures who support the President's policies will skip the speaking dates this year in the interest of campus tranquility.

6 June, Washington, D.C.

During the May 1-3 rallies at New Haven, on one occasion BPP Chief of Staff David Hilliard called for a massive rally to be held at the Lincoln Memorial. No later information has been noted.

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8 June, Chicago, Illinois

On 17 April Judge Julius J. Hoffman postponed until at least 8 June BPP leader Bobby Seale's Chicago trial on charges of conspiring to incite riots during the 1968 Democratic National Convention. Seale, one of the original "Chicago 8", is currently jailed in the New Haven, Connecticut area where he is one of the defendants in BPP member Rackley's murder trial pretrial hearings. 7/16/68

\*10 June, Nationwide

At a Princeton University meeting on 21 May the Union for National Draft Opposition (UNDO) assembled 250 delegates from 25 states and designated 10 June as "national antidraft day." The assemblage resolved that the position of the organization would be to resist and not cooperate with Selective Service. The delegates approved the circulation of the "Charlottesville Pledge" that states that after 100,000 eligible men have signed an antidraft pledge, all will turn their draft cards in to the national resistance headquarters at Princeton. The several thousand draft cards that have already been turned in will be deposited at Union College, Schenectady, New York. Earlier in the week the organization heard Yale chaplain William Sloane Coffin call President Nixon "the most subversive influence." The UNDO reportedly grew out of a suggestion made by politics professor Stanley Kelley who has urged that students take positive action in opposition to the draft.

\*Summer, Nationwide

The Strike Information Center at Brandeis and the National Student Strike Committee conference recently held at Yale propose that campuses be kept opened during the summer as centers for draft resistance, support for labor, education of the communities and support for the Panthers. The Brandeis group in a recent newsletter was in a snit over media treatment of the strike objectives. They claimed that the press had only reported demand no. 2 which states "that the U.S. Government cease its expansion of the Vietnam War into Cambodia and Laos; (and) that it unilaterally and immediately withdraw all forces from Southeast Asia." The Brandeis organization is accurate in their indictment of the press because the only press reference to demands no. 1 and 3 appeared in a mid-May issue of the Daily World. The failure of the media to cover all three demands is unfortunate because if there was ever any doubt, nos. 1 and 3 remove the strike leadership from the ranks of peacenik dissent and places them firmly in the radical

camp. No. 1 reads: "that the U.S. Government end its systematic repression of political dissidents and release all political prisoners, such as Bobby Seale and other members of the Black Panther Party." No. 3 reads: "that the universities end their complicity with the U.S. war machine by an immediate end to defense research, ROTC, counterinsurgency research, and all other such programs."

Three regional strike centers were chosen at the Yale conference. They are Brandeis, Grinnell University in Iowa, and UCLA. The delegates also discussed the formation of a "liberation brigade" to confront police and the military. The brigade will engage in harassing tactics and agitation principally at Washington, D.C. and at New Haven.

During the summer the strikers plan to close induction centers and draft boards indefinitely by "peaceful persuasion" (!). A massive draft card turn-in on July 4 has been proposed to coincide with a planned general GI strike (the New Mobe will probably have a piece of this action). Yippie clown Abbie Hoffman has also proposed establishment of "Insurrection City" on the Washington Monument grounds for July 4. The Yale session also urged the boycotting of Coca Cola and Phillip Morris products during the summer to force these companies to use their lobbies in Washington to urge the administration to end the war.

Knowledgeable confidential sources advise that they believe the local center of antiwar protest will be George Washington University. GWU has been picked (as opposed to other area campuses) because of its strategic location near the protest parade paths and its community integrated campus which renders police control more difficult and escape easier.

#### \*3-5 July, Toronto, Canada

A peace festival is being staged at Mosport auto race track at Toronto and as a main attraction will feature the Beatles. John Lennon and his Yoko will perform on the "largest bed in history" (a wall-to-wall matted stage). The event, advertised as a "monster peace festival", will try to hook other solid "rock" performers (such as Elvis Presley) and may shape up like another Woodstock. Additional details will be reported if and when they become available.

#### 4 July, Washington, D.C. \* Nationwide

Both the New Mobe and the Student Mobe have taken new heart from the current heightened campus unrest and are considering

revamping their earlier conviction that mass protests had at least temporarily lost their appeal. Both are looking towards July 4 as a possible mass protest day. They have not yet had time to define their plans and goals.

4-5 July. Chicago, Illinois

The first National GI Antiwar Conference is planned as an outgrowth of a caucus at the SMC meeting in Cleveland in February.

\*9-18 July, New York

A World Youth Assembly under the sponsorship of UN Secretary General U Thant is expected to attract 750 participants from all over the world. The Assembly budget (\$733,500) is reportedly in trouble.

August, Nationwide

Upon arriving in Saint John, New Brunswick, on the first leg of their return to the U.S. from Cuba, the second contingent of the so-called "Venceremos Brigade" said they would sail to Cuba again in August to help with the fruit picking.

9-19 August, St. Paul, Minnesota

The National Student Association will hold its 23rd annual congress at Macalester College.

26 August, Nationwide

During the NOW (National Organization for Women) conference in March, Betty Friedan called for a general strike by women on August 26, the 50th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the vote. To protest sex discrimination, she proposed a march by women carrying lighted candles "into the halls of politics" and a massive sit-in for women's rights. Plans are continuing. Aileen Hernandez, new national president succeeding Friedan, said at a press conference in early May, that the demonstration will not be merely "symbolic." She said mothers will leave their children in government and business offices to dramatize the need for a national child care system. Women will refrain from shopping, secretaries from typing, and wives will debate their husbands in their homes, etc.

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28-30 August, New York City

A National Conference on Feminism is being sponsored by Human Rights for Women, Inc. (HRW). HRW provides free legal assistance to women seeking "redress against sex discrimination."

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